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PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: **STAPLE AND ANVIL ANASTOMOSIS SYSTEM**

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.

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